

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are all the claims pending in the application.

Status of the Application

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-12 are allowable.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claim 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated the claim would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claim 14 in independent form in this Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 13 and 15-19 as being anticipated by Goldstein (US 5,410,326). Applicants traverse this rejection as follows.

Applicants submit that Goldstein fails to disclose, at least, a first mode in which remote control key information is transmitted, and displaying in a second mode, device information for the controlled devices based on control information input in the first mode is displayed, as recited in claim 1.

Goldstein appears to disclose a programmable remote control device for interacting with a plurality of devices. (Abstract) However, with reference to FIGS. 2A-2B, a common method of navigation of different modes used throughout Goldstein is shown. First, beginning with FIG. 2A, a television service touch screen is displayed on remote control device 5. (col. 9, lines 6-8) In this mode, a user may select a various icons 59, 60, 63 (control functions) which will cause the remote control device 5 to issue an infrared command to a device corresponding to the selection. (col. 9, lines 10-17)

Additionally, this display provides an icon for selection that does not send an infrared command: That command is navigation symbol 46 (navigation function). (col. 9, lines 23-37) When navigation symbol 46 is selected a second sub-menu screen appears as shown in FIG. 2B. Most of the icons in this display will send an infrared command to a device with the exception of icon CH 47 (navigation function). (col. 9, lines 55-67) When CH 47 is selected, the initial display of FIG. 2A is again displayed.

This mode of operation is consistent throughout Goldstein. Each display has icons that either permit navigation or which send infrared commands, but no icon performs both functions. Thus, Goldstein does not have a second mode wherein device information for the controlled devices based on control information input in a first mode is displayed. Assuming, *arguendo*, that FIG. 2B represents a second mode and FIG. 2A a first mode, the information displayed in FIG. 2B is not based on control information input in FIG. 2A, it depends on whether navigation symbol 46 (a non-control function) is selected (control functions send infrared commands, navigation functions toggle between successive menus).

More specifically, if a channel 42 (control information) is selected in FIG. 2A, the information displayed in FIG. 2B is not based on that selection. In fact, the display is not even changed and remains as shown in FIG. 2A. The information selected in FIG. 2B is based only on the selection of navigation symbol 46. Additionally, if FIG. 2B is considered the first mode and 2A the second mode, only the selection of CH 47 (navigation function) controls what is displayed in FIG. 2A, but this (CH 47) is not control information transmitted to a controlled device. If any other item in FIG 2B is selected, an infrared command is sent to a device, but this selection has no impact on what will be displayed in FIG. 2A.

Thus, because Goldstein fails to disclose a second mode in which device information for the controlled devices based on control information input in the first mode is displayed, Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable over the applied reference Goldstein.

Furthermore, because amended claim 13 recites similar features to claim 1, i.e. displaying in a second mode, device information for the controlled devices based on the device of a plurality of devices of controlled devices for which control information is wirelessly transmitted in a first mode, Applicants submit the claim 13 is allowable over the applied reference Goldstein.

Additionally, Applicants submit that claims 15 16 and 19 are allowable, at least because of their dependency.

Regarding claim 17, Applicants submit that Goldstein fails to disclose, at least, a display of the device information which includes device deleting information for deleting the identification information of devices. The Examiner alleges that column 32 at lines 56-62 disclose such a feature. In contrast, Applicants submit that this portion of Goldstein is merely directed to clearing or deleting a message from a telephone interface. There is simply no similarity to deleting the identification information of a device. Additionally, this is a telephone sound message and is not displayed in any event. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 17 is allowable for at least this reason.

Regarding claim 18, Applicants submit that Goldstein fails to disclose, at least, wherein a display of the device information includes device function deleting information for deleting the device function information. For support, the Examiner cites the same portion of Goldstein as cited in the rejection of claim 17. Again, there is simply no display of a telephone message and no disclosure of deleting device function information within Goldstein. The Examiner incorrectly attempts to equate a sound message with device function information that is displayed. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 18 is allowable for at least this reason.

Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1, 13, 15-19 should be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

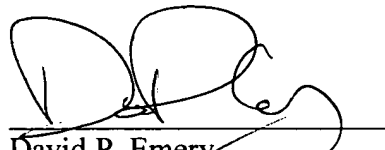
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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